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ARMOR PLATE BIDS.

The recent Congress fixed \$300 per ton as the maximum price to be paid hereafter for armor plate for war ships. Heretofore the government has been paying \$500 per ton. When the time came to open bids there was but one bid and that was at the rate of \$250 per ton.

The proposal was accompanied with some remarkable conditions, that the government must take a minimum of 6,000 tons of armor plate per year, or pay \$100 per ton as a forfeit for each ton not taken; also that the Illinois Steel Company, the only bidder, should have the monopoly of armor plate contracts for twenty years. There was no competition in the bidding and the proposal was so preposterous that, of course, the government will not take it into account.

The trouble with the whole armor plate business is that the necessary equipment requires a large outlay of money, and no company will undertake the work unless it has a reasonable prospect of finding a considerable market for its product. The Carnegie Company and the Bethlehem Company have been furnishing us armor plate, and they insist that it cannot be sold at as low a price as \$300 per ton.

The one company which is willing to come within the figures fixed by Congress exacts preposterous conditions. So here we are. It was proposed, in the recent Congress, that the government erect a plant and make its own armor plate. The probability is that if the government were to do this it would find itself paying a higher price for armor plate than it ever did before, work done by the government not being proverbially cheap.

The situation is rather a perplexing one. It is desirable to buy our armor plate in this country, but if it be found that American manufacturers will not furnish this product on reasonable terms, the best way to meet the matter is to purchase some armor plate abroad. This would bring American manufacturers of armor plate to reasonable terms if anything would.

There is a suspicion that these manufacturers have been making profits out of all reason, and, of course, it is not the patriotic duty of the government to permit itself to be robbed under the guise of patriotism. The government represents all the people and should demand fair play, as any individual would do in his own business.

Alert Police.
Wednesday last, according to the Talmud, was the day when the sun reached the same position in the heavens as at the creation of the world. This event recurs every twenty-eight years, and the orthodox Israelites celebrate it by going in the open air to praise the Creator.

About 3,000 Israelites assembled in one of the public squares of New York to have their police and impressive ceremony. A policeman arrested a rabbi who seemed to be in charge, handled him roughly and took him to a station house. The worshippers had assembled without a permit from the park board and the police determined to make an example for somebody.

The police magistrate said that the arrest was properly made, but he released the rabbi. Under the law in New York the assemblage was unlawful without a permit, and the Israelites had not thought to ask for a permit, perhaps did not know that one was necessary.

Seeing that a religious ceremony was being conducted by peaceful men, women and children, police with a grain of sense and decency would have represented the case to headquarters, where there must have been somebody with authority and discretion. It was a shabby piece of business at best and not at all creditable to a great American city.

Robbed Her Schoolmates.

The young woman accused of stealing in Smith College, Massachusetts, and who at first denied that she was guilty, now confesses that she did rob her fellow students. She had no need to steal, but she did steal.

Of course her defense will set up for her that she is a kleptomaniac, and this theory will be vigorously attacked. It will be said that there is no such thing as kleptomania and it will be explained that a kleptomania differs from a common thief by being in superior social position.

Without going deeply into this intricate question, we incline to the opinion that there is such a thing as kleptomania. When a person not driven thereby by necessity, who has sufficient means to supply wants and all reasonable desires, steals and in the stealing includes all sorts of articles not appropriated to any use, there is a strong indication of mental disorder.

Assuming that it is the result of mental disorder, the name kleptomania has been given to this kind of taking. There have been very many instances of this kind in which the culprits were shown to have

had no need to steal and to have put the stolen articles to no use whatever.

It does not follow that there is an entire lack of moral responsibility for this kind of stealing, but where the case is clear jurors are in the habit of making a distinction. It will be interesting to follow the Smith College case and see how it comes out.

Ohio Politics.

Just now there is a rushing of Ohio politics to the front, the general subject being given a new special interest by the recent local elections in that state. Cleveland, Senator Hanna's city, went Republican, but not by an overwhelming majority, and yet it is said that one of the features of the election was the fight between a Hanna man and a Foraker man.

It is assumed by the able leaders in Ohio politics that there is and must be to the end a deadly feud between Senator Hanna and Senator Foraker, and that Senator Foraker will use all his power to defeat Senator Hanna's election. This is not entirely consistent with the fact that Senator Foraker received his appointment from Governor Bushnell, a Foraker man, if there be one in Ohio.

If Senator Foraker had been so deadly opposed to Senator Hanna it is not likely that the Cleveland man would have been appointed senator. Nor are we inclined to believe that there are many Republicans in Ohio still fighting Foraker, as some of the newspapers tell about.

We heard something of the kind some months ago. Then it was said that Foraker and his crowd would never allow McKinley to be nominated for President, and that McKinley and his crowd would never allow Foraker to become senator.

It was even said that the McKinley men would defeat Bushnell for governor. The prominent characters in this political arena deny that they had knives to use on each other and the result shows that they told the truth. Bushnell is governor, Foraker is senator, McKinley is President, and by the gracious act of Bushnell, a friend of Foraker, Hanna is also senator. Matters could not have come out better or more to the liking of each of them.

It may be that Senator Hanna and Governor Bushnell will be rival candidates for the senate, but this would not mean necessarily that the Republican party was going headlong to the bad. It is not an unusual thing to have rival candidates for so high and honorable a place as the United States senate, and after the matter has been decided the party organization has been known to be in reasonably good health.

Of recent years when certain politicians run adrift of material they turn to Ohio as a fruitful field, and this may be the meaning of the present boiling of the Ohio political pot in the newspapers.

Statements in Society.

Mr. Bailey follows Senator Hill in complaining of the society demands on public men in Washington. It is true that a public man may have a great deal of his time at the capital taken up in entertaining and being entertained, and that he may pile indignation on indignation.

It is also true that no public man need have anything to do with the social side of things unless he so desire, and he may have little if he does not. For more, there have been very useful public servants who went into society in the dress coat and tailed coat, and who were of very little use to their constituents and the country.

In Washington as elsewhere the sensible man will regulate these things by the safe rule of common sense. It is easy to imagine a man who does not care for society quietly keeping out of it without advertising the same. Even this is a matter of taste.

At Weston.

The present Weston asylum board is showing an ugly disposition in its effort to embarrass the new board that is shortly to go in. It is charitable to suppose that the men who are engineering this scheme do not realize how it looks to those who are on the outside and therefore enjoy a better perspective.

If the present board shall do anything that does not suit the new board, that body will be entirely right to go to work promptly to undo and to do in its own way according to its own judgment.

For some time to come the institution will be under the management of the new board, and that body will be under no obligation of good policy to take any doses prescribed by the old board.

We are having something of a new deal in West Virginia, and we may as well have the cards dealt above board.

Pension Policy.

There was a good deal of talk over the re-issue of a pension to Mr. Bell, until recently deputy commissioner of pensions, and the new commissioner put his foot on the thing until he could look into it. He has looked into it, found the action entirely regular and Mr. Bell entitled to his pension, and it is accordingly granted.

This is right. It is also in striking contrast with the pension action of the Cleveland administration, which seemed to be determined to do all it could to embarrass and wrong deserving veterans of the war.

Under the McKinley administration it is expected that all pension matters will go better, and the action of the department in the Bell case may be taken as an earnest of a more just policy.

A New Jersey physician bitten by a dog that has since gone mad has hurried off to Paris for the Pasteur treatment. This man does not think hydrophobia a creation of the imagination. He is so impressed with the reality of the thing that he wishes to have the advantage of treatment at headquarters, although the Pasteur treatment in New York is the same as that given in Paris. The unfortunate bitten in Wheeling will think themselves fortunate if the good people of this community will only enable them to get to New York.

The New York Herald is mistaken about Montello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. That historic place is not in West Virginia but in Virginia. We have some very interesting spots in West Virginia, but Montello is not one of them.

It is well for Congress to appropriate money for the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers. It would be still better to send money on a proper and effective system of defense in that exposed region. It is probable that such a system would

have to go far beyond the building of levees. It might have to start at headwaters to preserve and to restore the forests. When the waters come down with a rush, it is doubtful whether any levee system can be made to hold them.

Sound Money is a new publication born in Chicago. It will speak for the National Sound Money League. The paper will be issued monthly. It is handsomely printed and discusses with clearness and force the issue which brings it into being.

Speaking of the armor plate contract, three is he armed that hath his proposal just.

The ice fight in Wheeling is getting so warm that it may melt down the ice machines.

KIND DRUMMERS

Relieved the Mother's Distress Without Appearing Charitable.

She had been east, says the Chicago Journal, on a visit of three months, and during that time her ten-year-old daughter had shot up like a hyacinth at East-critide. Indeed, the sunny head almost came to the height of her own brown braids, but she did not think of the matter of railroad fare for her until the conductor stopped at the seat in the Pullman and said, as he examined her ticket: "You will have to pay full fare for the girl."

The poor little mother turned pale as she counted out amount and laid it in the conductor's hand. "I did not know—I am not prepared," she faltered, and then sank back, trembling a little as she moved on, looking at her pocketbook in dismay.

She drew the little girl up to her. "Jessie," she whispered, "don't ask for anything the boy brings through, or say a word about anything to eat. We'll have to go through the day some way, for I haven't a cent of money."

The child began to look wistful, and as the hours dragged along her little face was set in lines of extreme woe and her lips frequently parted with a mournful, "Oh, dear!"

Two traveling men across the aisle watched the serio-comic scene, and after a while, when the train stopped long at a station, one of them coaxed the small maiden out for a walk up and down the platform.

"Now, there's a dining car on this train," he said in apparent astonishment. "Suppose we go in and see how a dinner would taste off from those funny little tables."

The little girl hesitated. "I must ask mamma," she said demurely, restraining the tan-shed feet from jumping in glee. But the kind-hearted stranger knew that the mother would be likely to resent his interference.

"We'll go in and look around a little first," he said, "and then I'll tell her." And the child, sniffling the good things from the window, went in to dinner.

As they returned to the drawing room the lady looked reproachfully into the room, satisfied little face.

"Madam, your little girl was kind enough to take lunch with me. I assured her I would explain to you that I am just about as homesick as I can be."

The other traveling man awakened and turned around. "What's this?" he said. "Have you been to a dinner without me? Why didn't you call me? You know I hate eating alone."

"Well, you see I had this little lady with me," he said, pointing to the child, who preened like a dove in the sunbeams. The mother was convinced that the act was not one of intended charity, and so smiled cordially.

"Madam," said the other gentleman, "your daughter deserted you, and my friend and I, in a manner, quite heartless. I think I'll have to call upon you to make the matter right. Will you go with me for a little lunch?"

She faltered, blushed deeply as the tan-shed feet executed a dance in the carpeted aisle.

"Lad, call for dinner!" the white cap-potted porter called.

"Go on, mamma!" and then, in a stage whisper, "It's awful good."

And she followed the advice.

A Good Selection.
Weston World: The asylum board of directors did themselves proud in selecting Hon. J. S. Hyer as president of that body. It is an honor well deserved, and from Mr. Hyer's past record, privately and as member of the board, we feel safe in saying that he will be one of the ablest and most satisfactory presiding officers that body has ever had.

His new position extends his scope of usefulness to the institution, which he will utilize to the utmost. Congratulations President Hyer!

Mary and Jean.
Frank Putnam in Chicago Times-Herald. How oft at dusk did Burns alone, The base of Ay's quiver, the grace Of painted Blanche Mary's face— The mistress of his soul.

He loved—and who that loves to-day Shall grudge the penance hour, When clad in sorrow's mantle gray, He paused beside Ay's quiet way To woo Oblivion's power?

What dreams were his of pleasures deep That he might never know? Perhaps, though years his secret keep, Thinking of her who fell asleep, He deemed his way better so.

HOW TO FIND OUT.
Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Important Change in Time.
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Train No. 4, for Massillon, Canton, Akron, Cleveland, Toledo and points east and west at 8:30 a. m., Central time.

Train No. 8, Massillon accommodation, for all points between Wheeling and Massillon, at 3:30 p. m., Central time.

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JOHN WESLEY BAREFOOTED.
The Way that Great Teacher Rebuked Vanity and Pride.

Margaret Holmes Bates: A trifle more than one hundred and fifty years since John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, organized a Sunday school in the town of Savannah, Ga. The rules of that Sunday school were different from those that prevail nowadays. The children were compelled to attend excepting they were ill. A lack of fine clothing was no excuse, and so it happened that many of the boys and girls presented themselves in their classes without shoes or stockings. There are many pictures of the mothers of those days putting the children to bed early on Saturday nights and then washing their clothes, so as to be clean on Sunday.

The colonists were, many of them, too poor to buy shoes, or even much clothing of any kind. But the climate in Georgia is mild, and it is no hardship to go scantily clad.

Human nature, however, as it showed itself in John Wesley's Sunday school, was the same as it is now. The children who could afford shoes fell into the habit of saying disagreeable things to the barefooted boys and girls. When Mr. Wesley heard of this from the parents of the children whose feet were bare and whose pride was sensitive, he pondered for a while as to what course it would be wisest to pursue. First he thought he ought to insist on all the children coming to the Sunday school barefooted.

Then he considered lecturing the offenders roundly on the sin of vanity. He did neither; but the next Sunday what was the surprise of teachers and pupils to see Teacher Wesley walk softly into their midst, with bare, clean, white feet!

One can fancy that those who wore shoes drew their feet far back under their benches, and the barefooted ones, conscious of being in good company, sat very straight, and looked satisfied and happy.

In the course of the session Mr. Wesley took occasion to speak of the fearfully and wonderfully made human body; and, placing his foot on a convenient chair, he gave a list of the bones, tendons, and joints, with much other anatomical knowledge. He told the school that no human being could possibly make a piece of machinery as marvelous as the human foot.

He remarked further, that all the clothing we had to wear was a hindrance to the foot. He called attention to the cleanliness and soundness of shoes and stockings, as compared with the natural foot with its white and pink coloring, the blue veins showing through the clear, transparent shell, that we called nails.

Even the tan on the feet of children of grown people who ran barefooted all the time spoke of the shoe. This tan was made by the great sun and the soft, odorous winds.

The school thought this little lecture very interesting, and it had a much better effect than a scolding. The children learned a lesson in physiology, while being kindly rebuked for the folly of vanity. It may be supposed, too, that later in life these boys and girls, when they found themselves in a disad-

vantage, tried to find out if there was not some compensation, even in their so-called misfortune.

In the regions where John Wesley first labored, there used to be many full of resource he was, and what a great, generous, simple-minded scholar and Christian he was, too.

Senator Elkins' Speech.
Keyser Echo: A speech of Senator Elkins on the rehabilitation of American shipping delivered on Monday last in the senate, appears to have been one of the ablest and most valuable speeches delivered in the senate for the last ten years. Senator Elkins is very much interested in his subject, has made a long and thorough study of it, and has mastered his facts and figures in such a way as to produce conviction except in minds hermetically sealed to the truth.

Of course we have seen as yet only the abstracts made by the great dailies, but enough is given in them to warrant our conclusion. If Senator Elkins' bill can be passed it will do the country as much good as any law which has been enacted for many a year. We can remember the time when the American flag floated in every port, and the sails of American clippers whitened every sea, and we hope to see it again.

We believe, with Senator Elkins, that the discriminating duty provided for by his bill will do it, and we do not believe that anything else will. When done it will benefit not the seaboard alone, but the remotest community of the interior.

Democratic Methods in Gratton.
Grafton Sentinel: It is an instructive lesson the citizens of this town have before them. Next Tuesday night the city council will meet with a majority of its members having their minds already made up on an unceremoniously ousted two regularly and legally elected members in order to substitute two persons who are willing to vote for the gang. It will not matter what the two Republicans made up of, as long as they are able to show, or how members of the gang, the decree has gone forth in advance that they must be thrown out. There may be trouble ahead that the revolutionists have not counted on.

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